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Kenmore Mercy Hospital Emergency Department Earns Senior-Friendly Accreditation

Kenmore Mercy Hospital's Emergency Department (ED) has earned Level 3 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA) from the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). The GEDA program recognizes emergency departments across the country that provide patient-centered care specifically designed for older adults.

"This accreditation affirms our Emergency Department's dedication to delivering high-quality, evidence-based care tailored to the unique needs of older adults," said Dr. Michael Mangione, Catholic Health's Associate Chair of Emergency Medicine. "Providing exceptional geriatric care means bringing together a multidisciplinary team – including Care Management, Social Work, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, nurses and medical providers – to ensure that every older patient, especially those with complex conditions, receive compassionate and coordinated care aligned with national best practices."



The GEDA program outlines specific criteria and goals for emergency clinicians and administrators to meet. A Level 3 emergency department must incorporate many of these best practices, provide interdisciplinary geriatric education, and have geriatric appropriate equipment and supplies available.

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About Kenmore Mercy Hospital: Founded in 1951 by the Sisters of Mercy, and now part of Catholic Health, Kenmore Mercy Hospital has been serving the healthcare needs of Buffalo's northern suburbs for more than 70 years. Specializing in Orthopedic and Spine Services, the hospital campus features a dedicated Knee & Hip Center, nationally recognized Medical Rehabilitation Unit, and comprehensive array of subacute and outpatient rehabilitation services. Kenmore Mercy is also a New York State Designated Stroke Center and one of only two hospitals in WNY to receive Magnet Designation, the highest distinction for excellence and innovation in professional nursing. A national quality and patient safety leader, Kenmore Mercy is the only hospital in New York State to have earned 23 consecutive biannual "A" Hospital Safety Grades from The Leapfrog Group, demonstrating a commitment to keep patients safe from medication errors, injuries, infections, and other preventable harm.